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Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under  
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under  
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is  
directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-  
1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the  
following copending U.S. patent applications:

<u>Appln. No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group Art Unit</u>	<u>Status</u>
09/537,877	March 29, 2000	Unknown	Pending
09/536,457	March 28, 2000	Unknown	Pending
09/440,467	November 15, 1999	2721	Pending
09/334,749	June 17, 1999	2721	Pending
09/248,975	February 12, 1999	2721	Pending
09/134,516	August 14, 1998	2766	Pending
08/996,132	December 22, 1997	3642	Allowed

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of the cited U.S. applications is enclosed.

Applicants submit that no fee is required for consideration of this information since it is being submitted within three months of the filing date.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our below-listed address.

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